

CASE: 0959

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

18 March 1976

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: JAMES R. DENNISON 0959-0-01, HENRY H. HERRIN
JR. 0959-0-02, AND NAME 0959-0-03.

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 20 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

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| REFNO: 0960-0-01 (ACCNO 0073) | Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED | |
| Name: ELLIS, BILLY JOE | Date Status assigned: 5 Mar 1975 | |
| Nationality AMERICAN | Race CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit \$ |
| Service ARMY | Sex MALE | Blood type O # |
| Grade E4 | Hair BROWN | Complexion FAIR |
| SSAN DATA | Eyes GREY | Weapon # |
| Serial No 67100578 | Height 75 in / 1.91 mtrs | Weapon No # |
| Birth date 20 Apr 1948 | Weight 167 lb / 75.7 kg | Duty pos AMMOMAN |
| Home State TENNESSEE | Religion PROTESTANT | PW Camp \$ |

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 49PAT968317
Lat/Long: 153847N / 1081018E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG NAM-DA NANG
(formerly): QUANG NAM
Mission District: QUE SON
Mission Date: 3 Jan 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93
Investigations: Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

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| Vehicle Type: GRND | Serial: \$ |
| Crash Type: None | Engine Type: \$ |
| Call Sign: \$ | 1 Serial: \$ |
| Year: \$ | 2 Serial: \$ |

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

28 November 1975

ON 3 JAN 68 SP4 BILLY J. ELLIS WAS ON RADIO WATCH AT LANDING ZONE (LZ) LESLIE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) AT 968 317 WHEN THE LZ CAME UNDER HEAVY MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS ATTACK. OTHER MEMBERS OF SP4 ELLIS' UNIT STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN HIT IN THE INITIAL BARRAGE AS THEY WENT TO SEEK COVER. WHILE IN A PROTECTED POSITION THESE INDIVIDUALS SAW AN AMMUNITION BUNKER EXPLODE. AFTER THE ENGAGEMENT NO TRACE OF SP4 ELLIS COULD BE FOUND. FROM WITNESS STATEMENTS IT WAS ASSUMED THAT ELLIS HAD PROBABLY CRAWLED INTO THE AMMUNITION BUNKER THAT HAD EXPLODED. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE CASE SINCE THAT TIME. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. DETAILS OF THIS CASE WERE GIVEN TO THE PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE AND THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. SP4 ELLIS IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

28 November 1975

REFERENCE USED: <1> RPT, HQ, 2D BN, 12TH CAV, 1ST CAVDIV (AMB), 9 FEB 68. <2> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

8 October 1993

ON 25 AUG 93, IE3 TRAVELLED TO QUE PHONG VILLAGE, QUE SON DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0960. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS, WHO GAVE HEARSAY INFORMATION OF A DIFFERENT INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED 2.5 KILOMETERS FROM THE INCIDENT LOCATION CONTAINED IN U.S. RECORDS. A SEARCH OF THIS SITE YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, EQUIPMENT OR BURIAL SITES. THE TEAM ALSO SEARCHED THE INCIDENT LOCATION CONTAINED IN U.S. RECORDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM QUESTIONED LOCAL RESIDENTS IN BOTH AREAS BUT ALL CLAIMED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT. (REF 2)



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NARRATIVE

ON 3 JANUARY 1968, SPECIALIST FOUR BILLY J. ELLIS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS UNIT CAME UNDER HEAVY MORTAR, ROCKET AND GROUND ATTACK IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES AT968317, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF QUE SON, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE. WHEN THE FIRST ROUNDS EXPLODED, SPECIALIST ELLIS REPORTED HE HAD BEEN WOUNDED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AN AMMUNITION BUNKER EXPLODED APPROXIMATELY FIVE METERS AWAY FROM HIS POSITION. A DETAILED SEARCH OF THE AREA FAILED TO LOCATE ANY TRACE OF SPECIALIST ELLIS OR HIS EQUIPMENT.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: ELLIS, BILLY JOE
RANK: SPECIALIST FOUR, U.S. ARMY
DATE OF BIRTH: 20 APRIL 1948
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.91 METERS
WEIGHT: 75.7 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: GREY

Passed to officials of the
Vietnamese government during a
28 Jul 93 technical meeting